

December 9, 2009

Northern California has and will continue to experience increased rain, wind and snow activity specifically within the El Dorado and Placer County. At least two more systems are expected to pass through later this week and into the weekend. The National Weather Service is predicting the next storm to come in late Wednesday/Thursday with the best chance for rain on Thursday and another storm going into the weekend with more rain and snow bringing cooler temperatures with a polar air mass. The California State Warning Center (CSWC) was advised by the State of California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Office that per AT&T, the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office had an outage caused by recent snow storm causing down power lines. Power has been restored and the server is running on back-up generators until PG&E completes repairs to the storm affected power lines. As of 1200 hours, there are approximately 17,032 customers remaining without power. Additionally, power has been restored to all but seven (7) affected schools. Fifty-seven (57) additional crews are enroute to Placerville and El Dorado County today. Full restorations to Sierra, Stockton and Yosemite areas are expected by 1700 hours today. Complete restoration of the Sierra Region is expected by midnight. Residents are advised to prepare for severe cold weather conditions.

- Those living near a burn area should be prepared for emergency evacuation procedures and potential debris flow issues.
- The warming center/shelter will remain open again tonight. It is anticipated that the warming center/shelter will close on Thursday.
- El Dorado & Placer County have activated their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at minimal levels and will go to duty officer status tonight at 10:00.
- CUEA, Cal EMA, Inland Region Duty Officer and assigned staff are monitoring the situation.

For more information regarding local weather impacts, visit the National Weather Service Web page at <http://www.noaa.gov>.

For county specific information about preparedness for flooding and winter weather, visit one of the following web sites listed:

El Dorado County at <http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us>

Placer County at <http://www.placer.ca.gov>